

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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THIRUKKURAL
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken any action to give national importance to Thirukkural, an ancient Tamil literature;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT.SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c) : In order to popularize Thiruvalluvar's message for greater cultural integration of India, benefiting the society, the work of translation of Thirukkural, an ancient Tamil literature has been given importance by the Central Institute of Classical Tamil (CICT), Chennai an autonomous organization under this Ministry. A compendium of 18 English translation has also been compiled and published. Thirukkural has also been translated and published in Telugu, Kannada, Punjabi and Manipuri languages. It has also been translated to Gujarati. CICT has brought out Thirukkural in mobile applications in English.